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[Despatch Abstract.]

Agriculture- C.M.P- Provincial Compost Devt. Committee- Second meeting-Proceedings- Communicated to the Government of India.

Letter Ms. No. 1363- Dated 8-11-49.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Agriculture,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Agri- G.M.F. Compost - Provincial Devt. Committee - Second meeting- proceedings.

Ref:- This Government letter Ms. No.3611 dated 6-7-49.

In continuation of the letter cited, I am directed to forward a copy of the proceedings of the second meeting of the Provincial compost Development Committee held on 15-10-49.

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Proceedings of the second meeting of the Provincial Compost Development Committee held at 3-30 P.M., on 15-10-49.

The Following members were present:- --

Hon'ble Sr. A.B. Shetty, Minister for Agriculture, Chairman.
Secretary, Food and Agriculture Department.
Secretary to Government, Local Administration Department
Director of Agriculture, Madras.
Inspector of Local Boards, Madras.
Provincial Motor Transport Controller, Madras.
Secretary to Commissioner, Food Production
Director of Public Health, Madras.
Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
Provincial Firka Development Officer, Madras.
Municipal Commissioner, Salem.
President, Tiruvannamalai Co-operative Society, Tiruvannamalai.
Compose Development Officer- Secretary.
Assistant Secretary to Government, Food & Agriculture was also present.

ITEM NO. I.

(a)
A brief review of the Compost Development work done in the Madras Province since the last meeting in June, 1948.

The brief review of the Compost Development work done in the Madras Province since the last meeting of the Provincial Compost Development Committee on 15th June, 1949 was read by the Compost Development Officer. It was decided to take action for seeing that in the 24 municipalities where the manufacture of compost has not been started, the work is commenced.

The special difficulties in the manufacture of compost in West Coast districts where rainfall was excessive came up for discussion and it was agreed that a joint investigation by the officers of the Public Health, and Agricultural Departments, and the Compost Development Officer should be undertaken.

It was decided that the Radio Talk on "Waste in wealth" recently broadcast by the Compost Development Officer in Tamil should be broadcast by the officers of the Agricultural Department in the Telugu, Malayalam and Canarese Language also.

ITEM NO. II.

(b) Fixation of the selling price of compost in the municipalities and in panchayats,

As regards the re-examination of the suitability of the flat rate of rs. 0-10-10 per C. Ft. for ripe compost, it was decided that the questionneed not be re-opened, but that for a period six months the cost price of Rs. 0-10-10 per 25 c.ft. of compost should be adopted by the Muncipalities and the results watched. In cases where loss is sustained, they should be brought to the notice of the Government. It was also decided that G.O. No. 856 dated 5-3-47 prescribing the procedure to be adopted by the Municipalities for selling compost to the muncipalities should be cancelled forthwith.

ITEM NO. III.

(c) Provision of motor transport facilities to municipal or panchayat centre where transport difficulties are experienced in disposing of ripe compost.

In order to get over the difficulties connected with the transport of compost to cultivable areas near municipal centres, it was decided that Agricultural Officers of the concerned centre should be instructed to lend departmental lorry to the Muncipal Commissioner or to the Co-operative Society for a period of 3 months against on month fixed in the G.O. Ms. No. 2013, dated 7-5-47 which is to be amended. If lorries could not be spared the Agricultural Department the Muncipal Commissioner may seek the assistance of the District Collector for arranging transport-facilities for Civil Supplies lorrys by convening a meeting of the Muncipal Commissioner and the other officers concerned.

SUPPLY OF PETROL: P.M.T.C. agreed to earmark 200 gallons of petrol for the whole Province for meeting the requirments in individual cases for the present quarter, for movement of compost arranged for by the Muncipalities and recommended by the Compost Development Officer.

ITEM No. IV.

(d) The issue of instructions to local bodies to stop leasing out the right of gathering cow dung and rubbish in cart-stands, weekly markets and in cattle fairs.

It was decided that a few centres may be selected for investigation and the results brought up for consider tion at the next meeting.

ITEM NO. V.

(d) Formation of a local advisory committee in each Municipality for inspecting supervision and controlling compost manufacture in each local areas.

It was decided that a local committee in half a dozen selected municipal centres consisting of the Commissioner, Health Officer, Tahsildar and Agricultural Demonstrator and one or two non-officials may be formed for advising and assisting in the manufacture of Town Compost.

ITEM NO. VI.

(a) A comprehensive scheme for urban compost covering the three aspects of production distribution and subsidy.

Adjourned for the next meeting.

(b) Dr. Talatis scheme for the disposal of
Adjourned for the next meeting.

(Contd)

ITEM NO. VII.

(a) Moved by Sri. S.R. Sellaraj- Inadequacy of the price of compost as fixed at the first meeting of the Provincial Compost Development Committee.

(b) Moved by Sr. A.K-D. Balaramaraja: The price of compost for a cart load of 25 c.ft. is till prevailing at Rs.1-4-0 in the Rajapalayam Muncipality though it was decided at the last meeting to reduce the price to Rs.0-10-10 and therefore it is requested that the Inspector of Local Boards will give effect to the decisions of the Committee.

These two subjects are already covered by the decision under tiem No. II and hence dropped.

Sd. S. Dharmalingam,
Provincial Compost Development
Officer.

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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